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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, WB, GW, GE, US, UR, UK, FR

SUBJECT: PRESS HANDLING OF SOVIET APPROACH ON ALLIED
FLAG TOURS

REF: USBERLIN 1338; BONN 8610

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT NEITHER ALLIES NOR FRG SHOULD
CONFIRM RECEIPT OF SOVIET COMPLAINT, AND CONCURS IN
CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE TRANSMITTED IN PARAS. 1 AND 2 OF
BONN 8610. HOWEVER, WE EXPECT THAT INITIAL "NO COMMENT"

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RESPONSE WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY NUMEROUS QUESTIONS ON
SPECIFIC SUBJECTS. TO REFUSE TO COMMENT IN ANY WAY COULD
LEAD TO SPECULATION WHICH WOULD DRAMATIZE SITUATION.
DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BONN GROUP REACTION TO
ADDITIONALLANGUAGE ALONG LINES THAT THE US,UK, AND
FRANCE CONTINUE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT OF FREE
CIRCULATION THROUGHOUT ALL SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THIS

RIGHT HAS NOT BEEN CALLED INTO QUESTION. LANGUAGE ALONG THIS LINE, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT BE USED PUBLICLY WITHOUT SPECIFIC WASHINGTON APPROVAL.

2. DEPARTMENT'S RECOLLECTION OF DISCUSSIONS AT SENIOR LEVEL MEETING IN LONDON IS THAT IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO BRIEF THE NATO ALLIES AT THIS TIME. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON APPROPRIATE TIMING FOR SUCH A BRIEFING. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR BONN GROUP TO BEGIN WORKING ON THE TEXT OF A BRIEFING ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS. CHRISTOPHER

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